

REMARKS

Claims 9 – 29 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to examine the present application in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

Paragraph [0001] of the specification has been amended to provide that the present application is a divisional of United States Patent Application No. 09/710,720 filed on November 9, 2000.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 – 8 have been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject-matter contained therein. New claims 9 – 29 have been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner examine the present application. It is believed that the claims of the present application define over the prior art. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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